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FOR MOLDING A LENS AND LENS MOLDING

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RESPONSE TO THE FIRST OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 27, 1999,
Applicants amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 22, line 11; change "10" to ---11---

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 8-10 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1, 3-6, 11-13, 16 and 17 as follows:

1. (Amended) A lens producing method for molding a
desired lens molding by solidifying a thermoplastic molten resin
in a [molding] lens cavity which is formed in an injection
molding die for molding a lens, in which the lens molding is
molded by using the injection molding die for molding the lens
[provided therein with the molding] in the lens cavity [in the
injection molding die for molding die for molding the lens] and a
gate is provided in the injection molding die as an inlet port
for the molten resin [flown in] flowed into the lens cavity [to
be opened toward] which is open towards the lens cavity, the
improvement comprising the step of changing [shapes] the shape of
an opening configuration of the gate in response to the molding
of a minus lens having a thicker peripheral portion than a

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